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TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR JOINT CONFERENCE

SHERATON-LINCOLN HOTEL — Indianapolis

Thursday, November 3, 1960

Morning

9:00	Registration
10:30-12:30	ILA Workshop—"Reference Tools and Techniques" ILTA Workshop—"Trustees' Responsibilities"

Afternoon

12:00- 2:00	Special Libraries Association Luncheon
2:00- 4:00	An Education Session—Conducted by the Public Library Development Committee
4:30- 5:30	ILA Executive Board Meeting ILTA Executive Board Meeting Film Circuit Business Meeting ALA Membership Committee Meeting

Evening

7:00- 9:00	Trustees General Session Dinner Speaker: Mrs. Raymond Young, President, American Association of Library Trustees

Friday, November 4, 1960

Morning

7:45- 9:15	ILTA Breakfast
9:30-11:30	ILA Business Meeting ILTA Business Meeting

Afternoon

12:00- 2:00	Luncheon Meeting Speaker: Donald E. Strout, Professor, Graduate School of Library Science, University of Illinois—"Censorship"
2:00- 3:00	"Education for Librarianship in Indiana"—Group Discussion Children's and Young People's Round Table—Business Meeting
3:00- 4:00	ILA-ILTA Joint Business Meeting
4:00- 5:30	Junior Members' Round Table—Coke Party College and University Librarians

Evening

7:00- 9:00	General Session Banquet Speaker: John T. Frederick, Head of the English Department, University of Notre Dame

Saturday, November 5, 1960

Morning

7:45- 9:15 ILA-ILTA Joint Executive Boards—Breakfast Meeting
University of Illinois Alumni—Breakfast Meeting

9:30-11:00 General Session—Jointly sponsored by Children's and Young People's Round Table and Indiana School Librarians Association
"Book Reviewing Policy and Procedure"
Panel: Barbara J. Duree, *The Booklist and Subscription Books Bulletin;* Mrs. Zena Bailey, Editor, *Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books,* University of Chicago; Anne Hopman
Interrogators: Mrs. Edwin Katterhenry, Huntingburg High School; Mrs. Mary Jo Klingerman, South Bend Public Library; Mrs. Pauline Houck, Mary McClelland School, Indianapolis

11:30- 1:00 Final General Session—Brunch
Speaker: Cyril O. Houle, Professor of Education, University of Chicago—"The Inquiring Mind"

Report From the President to ILA Members

Both the ILA-ILTA Public Library Development Committee and the Library Planning Committee have spent many hours searching for a plan to spur library service in Indiana. Thanks are due Leon Jones, Chairman of the PLD Committee, and C. R. Lay, Chairman of the Library Planning Committee, and their colleagues for sturdy efforts. Especially noteworthy has been the interest of trustee members of these committees. Elsewhere in this issue is a report of the Public Library Development Committee's plan for a series of meetings to be held between September 19 and 30 in twenty-two areas of the state. The purpose of these meetings, which have been requested frequently by both librarians and trustees, is to elicit questions for study at the November conference. The meetings will be very informal; you may attend the one designated for you or another; or more than one. The important thing is to go, to speak, and to learn.

In a recent issue of *Library Journal* there was an article by C. P. Snow about the gap between two cultural groups—the intellectual and the scientific. Mr. Snow speaks of the great no-man's land between the two groups. The gap must be closed, he says, if we are to survive. The library world, like Mr. Snow's larger one, has barriers which stand in the way of consistently fine service. The barriers themselves—whether they be indifference, or fear, or resistance to change—are not so important as the need for a willingness for each librarian and trustee to go into the no-man's land and to create an area of progress and good will. Let us not be like the cats of Kilkenny who left behind them sorry tales of disaster. Indiana has many fine libraries, as well as fine librarians and trustees. Let us work to bring the advantages and fine talents of these institutions and people within the reach of all in our state.

MAXINE BATMAN, President
Indiana Library Association

PUBLIC LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Public Library Development Committee is presently at work on two assignments given by the Joint Boards of the Indiana Library Association and the Indiana Library Trustees Association. One is the preparation of a plan for public library development in the state and the more immediate plan is for a session of general education and information during the November conference.

In order to avoid confusion the committee shall try to present (1) proposals regarding participation in the Library Services Act Program, (2) a report of areas being considered in a broader public library development program which may, or may not, include LSA, and (3) an overall view of the Public Library Development Committee's relationship to the programs of the year and basic preparation for them, with particular attention to the session at the November conference.

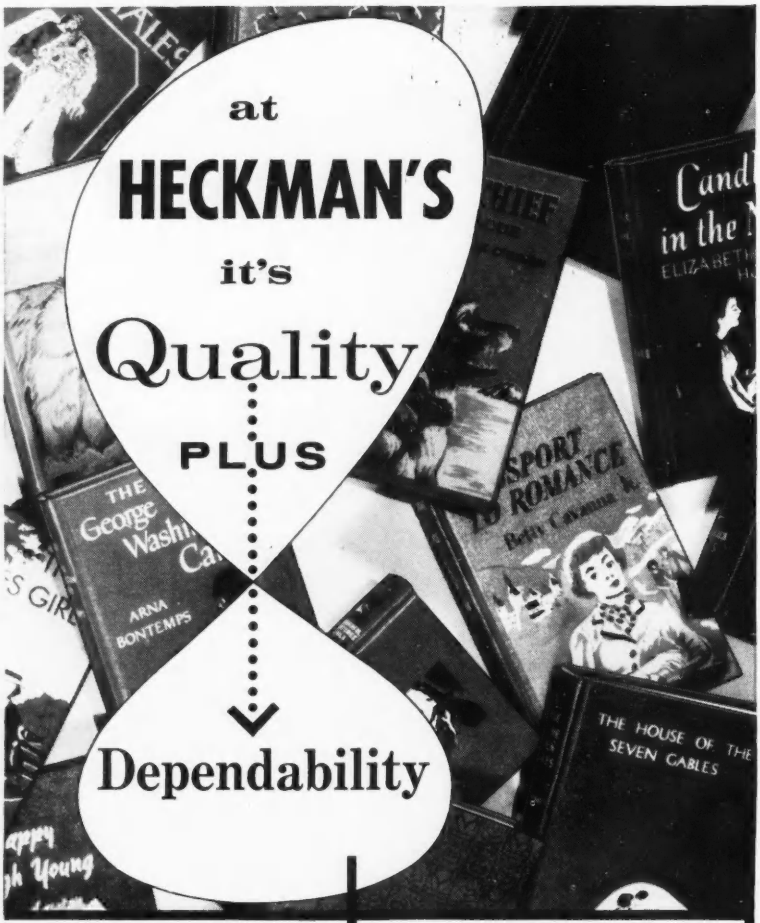
At its most recent session, July 19, Marcelle Foote reported on correspondence and a conference with John Lorenz regarding the possibilities of Indiana's participation in the program of the Library Services Act. Mr. Lorenz is Director of Library Services Branch in the U.S. Office of Education. In view of the limitation of time and the possibility that the act might not be renewed for another five-year period, Mr. Lorenz advised that the plan be kept simple, that it be kept on the state level of operation, and that it be used to further the education of librarians and trustees. The continuation of LSA is in doubt and there is an uncertainty as to the degree to which the State Library can provide matching funds in 1961. There is also an uncertainty concerning the next state administration's willingness to accept federal funds. Due to these uncertainties the committee was of a consensus that a two-day workshop for trustees should be held in the spring of 1961. This workshop is to be the number one priority in the use of any funds available through participation in the Library Services Act.

If additional funds were available from participation in the federal program the committee felt that a bookmobile demonstration and service through the Indiana State Library Extension Division could be worked out without requiring additional legislation. Scholarships and in-service training programs were also suggested as additional possibilities if finances permit.

The Public Library Development Committee is now involved in setting up stage one of the educational program. The state has been divided into twenty-two small districts, a host library has been tentatively selected, and a leader for each group will be sought. Meetings are to be scheduled between September 19 and 30. The purpose of the meetings is to note questions, problems and areas of inquiry which are of concern to Indiana librarians and trustees. A recorder appointed by the leader in each district will be expected to send these questions to the chairman of the Public Library Development Committee. The committee will make use of them in preparing the first general session during the November conference.

The September meetings will be held in Bloomington, Connersville, Crawfordsville, Danville, Evansville, Fort Wayne, Franklin, Hebron, Jasper, Kendallville, Knox, Lafayette, Marion, Muncie, New Albany, Royal Center, Seymour, Terre Haute, Tipton, Versailles, Vincennes and Warsaw.

Letters will be sent to all librarians and trustees by Maxine Batman and Mrs. Benjamin Saks explaining the purpose of the sessions and inviting participation.



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1961 meeting at South Bend

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1961 meeting at Columbia City

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1961 meeting at Plainfield

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Chairman: Mrs. Margaret Antles, Portland

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1961 meeting at Portland

District V

Chairman: Elizabeth Ross, Terre Haute

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1961 meeting at Vincennes University

District VI

Chairman: Mrs. Edna Frazier, Nashville

Vice-Chairman: Mrs. Hugh Vandiver, Franklin

Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. Burk Friedersdorf, Trustee, Franklin

1961 meeting at Columbus

VINCENNES UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

The students at Vincennes University will be using the facilities of a new library building when the fall semester begins next month. Librarians of District V will meet on the campus next spring. Mrs. Russell Modglin is the librarian.

DISTRICT MEETINGS, 1960

The subject on which the district meetings for 1960 were based was "Strengthening Existing Libraries." This theme was adopted by the District Meetings Committee at the 1959 fall conference. The District Meetings Workshop held last January was aimed at helping the planning committees of each district develop a good program which would point up some methods of helping the existing libraries.

Attendance at the meetings this year was encouraging. The attendance per district was as follows: I—171; II—102; III—140; IV—141; V—85; and VI—92.

At attempt was made by Edward Hayward, Librarian of the Hammond Public Library and Chairman of the District Meetings Workshop Committee, to determine if the Workshop did have the effect of improving the quality of the district meetings. It was the conclusion of the committee and others who were questioned that the Workshop was worthwhile and should be held again next year. The new Chairman of the District Meetings Workshop will be Mrs. John Lillich, Trustee, of Columbia City. The Executive Board approved the Workshop for next year.

At each of the district meetings some emphasis was given to library legislation. The Legislative Committee pointed out that the Delinquency Bill which was pocket vetoed by Governor Handley would be submitted again with a new title. The Public Employees' Retirement Fund is actuarially unsound now because the State has failed to keep up its contribution. The State Budget Committee will be urged to make a start in catching up on some of the $17,000,000 arrearage. The Committee wants the 1961 Legislature to repeal the section passed by the 1959 Legislature which allowed a township in Hamilton County to separate from the Carmel Public Library. Support was requested for the State Library budget. Members attending all the meetings were urged to watch legislation that might affect libraries. Instances included the Gary test case for library bonding power and Indiana's position in the Library Services Act.

Each district discussed whether the Indiana Library Association should help the districts with financial aid. They decided each district should support its own finances. All the districts also voted against redistricting. District I has grown large enough that small librarians might find it difficult to entertain a group so big.

District I met at Bremen, May 10. Mary Holmes, Librarian, Logansport Public Library, presented a panel at the morning session on "Strength Through Cooperation" followed by discussion groups. Luncheon was served at the Bremen American Legion Hall. Elizabeth M. Wishard, Head of the Service for the Blind at the State Library, described the resources and services of this agency in the afternoon speech.

District II met on May 5 at Decatur. After registering at the newly remodeled library, the group reassembled at the Youth and Community Building for the rest of the day. Mrs. Ralph McCaffery, Fort Wayne Public Library, spoke on

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services to young adults. An afternoon panel addressed itself to the subject, "Strengthening and Extending Present Library Services." An entertaining presentation of the "Music Man" which had a librarian as its heroine was presented by Mrs. Reid B. Erekson.

District III met at Purdue University on April 28. The morning program was devoted to "Strengthening Existing Libraries Through Better Public Relations." Lila Brady, Public Relations Librarian of the Indianapolis Public Library, made some introductory remarks and then introduced Mrs. Benjamin Saks, Trustee, Gary Public Library, and Lucile Williams, Librarian, Kendallville Public Library, who spoke further on the subject of public relations. After lunch George Spencer, President of the West Lafayette Public Library Board, introduced Carolyn Whitenack who spoke on book selection for children and young people and Dr. Clarence J. Goodnight who spoke on selecting books in the sciences.

District IV was entertained at Richmond, April 26, in the Y.W.C.A. In the morning discussion groups of various subjects relating to "Strengthening Existing Libraries" were explored. After lunch a panel composed of Fred M. Hinshaw, a radio station manager; Dorothy Bump, a newspaper reporter; Robert Poorman, an advertising executive; and Joel Rhodes, a political candidate, spoke on library public relations.

District V met at Sullivan, April 21. In the morning session Maxine Batman, President of ILA; Martha Reynolds, Emaline Fairbanks Memorial Library (Terre Haute); E. J. Covert, Sullivan; V. H. Hebbeler, Huntingburg; and Mildred Rettig, Evansville Public Library, related various aspects of the theme "Strengthening Existing Libraries." In the afternoon session Herbert Goldhor, Librarian, Evansville Public Library, and Marcelle Foote, Head of the State Library Extension Division, spoke about cooperation and larger units of service.

District VI met at Lawrenceburg, April 19. Viola Metternich, Cincinnati Public Library, spoke about the various services a library can provide. Marcelle Foote headed a discussion about larger units of library service. During the afternoon session Mrs. Harriet E. Bard, Librarian, Morrison-Reeves Library (Richmond), told about the small groups of librarians in the eastern part of the state meeting to discuss common problems. Mrs. Georgia Rankin Cole, Supervisor of School Libraries and Teaching Materials, spoke on "Cooperation Between School and Public Libraries." Interlibrary loans were discussed by Robert Y. Coward, Franklin College Librarian.

Coordination of the district meetings in 1960 was made easy by the cooperation of committees involved in their planning. It was fun to make new friends and to work with them.

George A. Curtis
Vice-President, ILA, and
Coordinator of District Meetings

ATTENTION ILLINI!

Let's breakfast together in the Sheraton-Lincoln Hotel on Saturday, November 5, during the ILA Conference. Plans are being made to have one or more staff members of the University of Illinois Library School bring a message from the school. You missed a very interesting breakfast last November if you were unable to attend and hear Alice Lohrer's inspiring talk concerning her visit to the Orient where she visited libraries and Illini. Send notices of your intention to attend the University of Illinois Library School breakfast to Mrs. Mary Isabelle Wood, Tudor Hall School, 3650 Cold Springs Road, Indianapolis 22, Indiana.

BATTLE GROUND VICTORY

The library at Battle Ground High School in Tippecanoe County was the only Indiana library to receive one of the John Cotton Dana Publicity Awards for scrapbooks which were entered in this year's contest. The award was one of the twenty-five which were presented to public, school, college and military libraries on June 20 during the ALA Conference in Montreal.

Evelyn S. Wigent, the school librarian, reports that the need for a library in the Battle Ground school system was started with a budget of $800 and thirty books. Through the media of newspapers and radio, visits to clubs and word of mouth, the school acquired 3000 approved volumes for the elementary and high school libraries which are in separate buildings. The townspeople conducted a "tag day" and collected nearly $700 by going from house to house. The high school students added $290 to the fund by promoting several club activities.

Bennett Cerf sent a collection of books and several cartons of textbooks were received from government surplus stock. The American Red Cross chose the library to be a recipient of a $150 collection of books which will acquaint the elementary school pupils with their counterparts in foreign countries. The Friends of the School Library estimate that at least 450 donors contributed to the success of the library program in Battle Ground.

Miss Wigent is proud of the success achieved by her library and is willing to assist other communities in the development of school libraries. She knows that the primary requisite is to "get the enthusiasm of the citizens in a small town sufficiently aroused to recommend it to the trustee or school board."

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CERTIFICATION EXAMS

The Library Certification Board announces that examinations will be offered on November 15 and 16, 1960, covering Minimum Library Education, Intermediate Library Education and One Year of Accredited Library Education. These terms and prerequisites for eligibility to take examinations are defined in the *Official Rules and Regulations*, 1957. Successful completion of a certification examination entitles the applicant to a certificate of Librarian V, Librarian IV or Librarian III (or higher), according to qualifications offered and examination taken.

Announcement of these examinations will be sent to all public libraries in the state. Persons interested may consult with the librarian of their local library or may address an inquiry to the Library Certification Board, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis 4.

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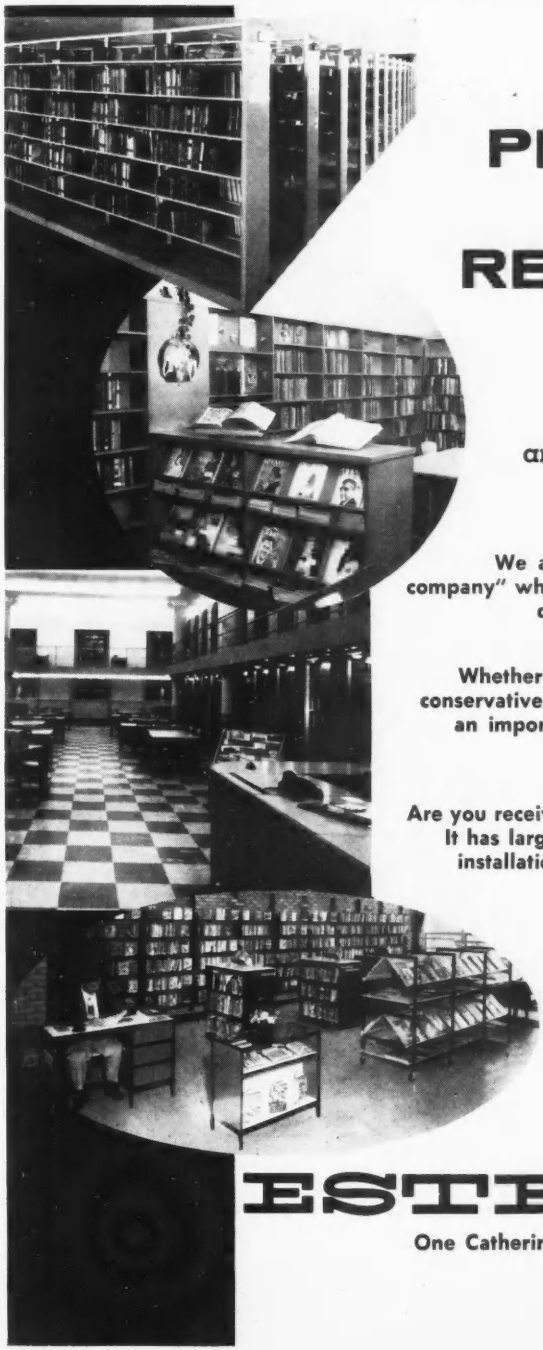

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ILA OFFFICERS NOMINATED FOR 1960-61

The ILA Nominating Committee composed of Bertha Ashby, Mrs. Abigail Clutterbuck and Alta Parks, Chairman, has submitted the following slate of officers to be voted on at the annual business meeting in Indianapolis. Following the list are biographical notes as compiled or supplied by the nominees.

President—George A. Curtis, LaPorte Public Library

Vice-President (President-Elect)—Betty LeBus, Law Library, Indiana University

Secretary—Mrs. Eleanor Morris, Cambridge City Public Library

Treasurer—Mrs. Hazel Anderson, Hagerstown-Jefferson Township Library

Director-at-Large—Ralph Van Handel, Gary Public Library

Scholarship and Loan Fund Committee—Nelle McCalla, Indiana State Teachers College

Biographical Notes

George A. Curtis. (For biographical sketch see FOCUS, August, 1959.)

Betty LeBus. Graduate of Bremerton (Washington) High School, 1942. B.S. in Law, 1947; L.L.B., 1948; B.A. in Law Librarianship, 1949, University of Washington, Seattle. Work experience includes Assistant Law Librarian, University of Washington, 1948-50, and Law Librarian and Instructor, Indiana University, 1950 to date. Member of ILA, 1950 to date; Director-at-Large, 1956-57; and Chairman, Constitution Revision Committee, 1958-59. Member of the American Association of Law Libraries, 1949 to date; Chairman, Committee on List of Law Libraries, 1953-54; Chairman, Special Committee on Publications, 1955-56. Written articles for LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL, LIBRARY TRENDS and WOMEN LAWYERS' JOURNAL.

Mrs. Eleanor Morris. Graduate of Martinsville (Indiana) High School. Attended Madam Blaker's (now part of Butler University) and Ball State Teachers College. Taught school in Morgan County and Cambridge City. Assistant Librarian, Cambridge City, 1937-48, and Librarian, 1948 to date. Member of ILA and ALA.

Mrs. Hazel Anderson. (For biographical sketch see FOCUS, August, 1959.)

Ralph Van Handel. Graduate of Appleton (Wisconsin) High School, 1937. B.A. in Economics, University of Wisconsin, 1946. A.B.L.S., University of Michigan, 1947. Librarian, Lawrence (Kansas) Public Library, 1947-51; Librarian, Hibbing (Minnesota) Public Library, 1951-54; Librarian, Gary Public Library, 1954 to date. Member of ILA, 1954 to date; Joint Legislative Committee, 1954-57; Constitution Revision Committee, 1958-59. Member of ALA.

Nelle McCalla. Graduate of Bryson College, 1924; B.S. in L.S., George Peabody, 1937; M.S., Columbia University, 1954. Elementary teacher, Shelby County, Tennessee; junior high teacher, teacher-librarian and librarian, Taylor County, Florida; teacher of library science, Indiana State Teachers College, summers, 1939-42. Associate Professor of Library Science and Field Consultant for School Libraries, I.S.T.C., 1943 to date. Member of ILA, ALA, ISLA, AASL and AAUP. During the 1956-57 school year Miss McCalla was Acting Librarian, Bierut College for Women, Bierut, Lebanon.

CORRECTION

A double error was made on page 9 in the May issue of FOCUS. The name of the new library in Muncie is the Webb Hunt Branch Library and it has 4200 square feet of floor space.

RESOLUTION FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

(Editor's note: The following resolution was adopted by the Joint Executive Boards of the Indiana Library Association and the Indiana Library Trustees Association at its meeting on May 17, 1960.)

WHEREAS the Joint Executive Boards of the Indiana Library Trustees Association and the Indiana Library Association recognize that public library development has taken great strides in recent years, in the other forty-nine states of the Union, and

WHEREAS Indiana has the same need to expand library service to unserved areas and to strengthen existing libraries, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Joint Executive Boards that a public library development program be initiated as soon as possible which may be achieved with financial assistance from the State, from private sources or through participation in the Federal Library Program, and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED that, to this end, the Joint Executive Boards instruct the Public Library Development Committee, in cooperation with the Legislative Committee and the Library Planning Committee, to prepare such a public library development program for Indiana as quickly as possible, which program the Joint Boards shall study and refer, with its recommendations, to the membership of the associations for further refinement and early adoption by the joint associations.

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MUTILATION AND LOSS STATEMENT

At its meeting on May 12 the ILA-ILTA Library Planning Committee added two words to the "Statement Regarding the Mutilation and Loss of Library Books and Materials" which was on page ten in the November, 1959, issue of FOCUS. The second sentence of the first paragraph has been changed to read as follows: "The annual cost to libraries for the replacement of books borrowed and never returned, *stolen or* mutilated by having articles or illustrations clipped or torn from them is a drain on already overtaxed book budgets."

ILA FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance, January 1, 1960.....$ 693.70
Receipts $3,875.97
Disbursements $3,373.06
Balance, July 20, 1960.....$1,196.61

ITEMS in the NEWS

Edward G. Linkhart, Librarian, New Castle-Henry County Public Library, will be Executive Director, National Library Week for Indiana, in 1961. An assistant to Mr. Linkhart will be chosen later.

Are you interested in square dancing? If you would like to have a square dance during the ILA Conference please notify George A. Curtis, LaPorte Public Library. It may be possible to have a square dance after the Friday evening banquet.

On Thursday afternoon during the ILA Conference there will be a library education meeting to acquaint the membership with the important need for library development in Indiana.

The Combined Book Exhibit which has been very popular at national library meetings will be on display during the ILA Conference at the Sheraton-Lincoln Hotel, Indianapolis, November 3-5.

Congratulations to the following Hoosier librarians who have been elected to positions in the American Library Association and its divisions and sections. Carolyn I. Whitenack, Assistant Professor of Library Science and Audio-Visual Education, Purdue University, was chosen Second Vice-President of the American Library Association. For her fourth term Mrs. Ruth Berg, President, Board of Library Trustees, Public Libraries of Lake County, has been elected Secretary of the American Association of Library Trustees. Mary Louise Mann, Librarian of North Central High School in Marion County, was selected as a director of the American Association of School Libraries.

The Emery-Pratt Company, Lansing, Michigan, is a new advertiser in FOCUS. The firm is a book jobber.

The Medical Library Association honored five members of the organization at its annual convention held at Kansas City, Missouri, on May 19. One of those who received an honorary membership was Mrs. Irene M. Strieby who was formerly Librarian at the Eli Lilly & Company, Indianapolis. Mrs. Strieby has helped the Association in many ways, and while serving on the Gifts and Grants Committee she was instrumental in making possible scholarships for further study in medical librarianship. She promoted the interest of a Pharmacy Group in the Association. Mrs. Strieby was President of the Special Libraries Association in 1947/48 and was the recipient in 1956 of its Professional Award which recognizes notable professional achievement in, or contribution to, the field of special librarianship. In 1959 she was made a member of its Hall of Fame.

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